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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 30 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

3 p.m.	4400th (closed) meeting*	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Georgia

Report of the Secretary-General concerning the situation in Abkhazia, Georgia (S/2001/1008)

Afternoon**	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Somalia

Other matters

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* Open to non-members of the Security Council who wish to attend. No letter of participation is required.

** To be held following the adjournment of the 4400th (closed) meeting.

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) for the general debate of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly is now available in room S-3001. The provisional list of speakers (No. 4/Rev.1) has also been sent by facsimile directly to the permanent missions (office of the Permanent Representative).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. 32nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, organization of work and allocation of items: second report of the General Committee (A/56/250/Add.1) [8]

2. Report of the International Court of Justice [13]

   (a) Report of the International Court of Justice (A/56/4)

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/456)

3 p.m. 33rd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations: draft resolution (A/56/L.6) [25]

2. Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children: draft resolution (A/56/L.7) [26]

3. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters: report of the Open-Ended Working Group (A/56/47) [49]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 17th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84:

Documents of the First Committee: *item 64* (A/56/267 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.42); *item 65* (A/56/347, A/C.1/56/L.30); *item 66* (A/56/29 (Supp. l), A/C.1/56/L.22); *item 67* (A/C.1/56/L.9); *item 68* (A/C.1/56/L.41/Rev.1); *item 69* (A/56/164 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/L.3); *item 70* (A/C.1/56/L.13); *item 71* (A/56/187, A/C.1/56/L.5); *item 72* (A/C.1/56/L.26); *item 73* (A/C.1/56/L.7); *item 74* (A/56/172, A/56/136 and Add.1 and 2, A/56/309, A/56/348, A/56/360, A/56/182, A/56/165 and Add.1, A/56/183, A/56/166, A/56/400, A/56/296, A/56/404, A/56/408, A/56/257 and Add.1, A/56/130 and Add.1, A/C.1/56/5, A/C.1/56/L.1, L.6, L.8, L.14, L.15, L.16, L.19, L.20, L.21, L.24, L.27, L.28, L.31, L.32, L.33/Rev.1, L.34, L.35, L.38, L.39, L.40, L.44, L.45, L.46, L.47, L.48, L.49 and L.51/Rev.1); *item 75* (A/56/285, A/56/137, A/56/154, A/56/266, A/56/378-S/2000/890, A/C.1/56/L.2, L.12, L.18, L.29 and L.50); *item 76* (A/56/418, A/56/359, A/56/27, A/56/42, A/C.1/56/L.4 and L.36); *item 77* (A/56/425, A/C.1/56/L.25); *item* 78 (A/56/163, A/C.1/56/L.43*); *item 79* (A/56/153, A/C.1/56/L.37); *item 80* (A/C.1/56/L.17); *item 81* (A/C.1/56/L.11); *item 82* (A/C.1/56/5, A/C.1/56/L.10); *item 84* (A/C.1/56/L.23)

[Documents of the First Committee: A/C.1/56/1, A/C.1/56/2, A/C.1/56/3, Add.1 and Add.2, A/C.1/56/4, A/C.1/56/5 and A/ C.1/56/INF.1, Add.1 and Add.1/Rev.1]

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. 18th meeting Conference Room 1

Action on draft resolutions

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 19th meeting Conference Room 2

Environment and sustainable development [98] (A/56/115-E/2001/115, A/56/115/Corr.1-E2001/92/Corr.1, A/56/189, A/56/74, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/304, A/56/303, A/56/318, A/56/358, A/56/395); Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 [98 (a)] (A/56/25, A/56/3*, A/56/19, A/56/379, A/56/306)

Conclusion of the general discussion

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. 20th meeting Conference Room 2

Environment and sustainable development [98] (A/56/115-E/2001/115, A/56/115/Corr.1-E2001/92/Corr.1, A/56/189, A/56/74, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/304, A/56/303, A/56/318, A/56/358, A/56/395)

(b) International strategy for disaster reduction (A/56/68 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 and 3, A/56/76-E/2001/54, A/56/306, A/C.2/56/2)

(c) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (A/56/175, A/56/306)

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* To be issued.

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/56/126)

(e) Further implementation of the Programme of Action of Small Island Developing States (A/56/170, A/56/306)

(g) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 (A/56/129)

Introduction and general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [110]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.15/Rev.1 and L.17/Rev.1

2. Advancement of women [112]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.20 to L.27

3. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [116] (A/56/206)

   Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

2. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations [133]

   Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects, including revised resource requirements for the support account for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002) (A/C.5/55/46 and Add.1 and A/56/478)

   Continuation of general discussion

2. Human resources management [126]

   Consultants (A/55/321, A/55/451, A/55/59 and Add.1, A/56/7 and A/56/16)

   Delegation of authority (A/55/857 and Add.1 and A/56/7)

   General discussion

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Profitability of commercial activities (A/55/546 and A/56/7); and Information technology: (A/55/780 and A/56/7))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Interorganizational security measures: implementation of Section II of General Assembly resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000 entitled "Safety and Security of United Nations personnel"

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held *today*, 30 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 30 october 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 30 October 2001

AFRICAN GROUP:

EXPERTS GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on Beijing+5)

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 2

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m. - 2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

ISLAMIC GROUP
(at the expert level)

3.30 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships))

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda sub-items 98 (b, (c) and (e) (Environment and sustainable development); and on the International Conference on Freshwater)

6 p.m.- 9 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee) today*, 30 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be meetings of the 2001 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 30 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) of the Second Committee *today*, 30 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be meetings of Legal Advisers *today*, 30 October 20001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Seminar

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly organizing a seminar on the deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar will be held *today*, 30 and *tomorrow*, 31 October 2001, at 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9. For further information, please contact Ms. Marina Walter (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-0073).

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Making Sustainable Commitments: An Environmental Strategy for the World Bank", organized by the World Bank, *today*, 30 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Dr. Kristalina Georgieva, World Bank Director for Environment, will make a presentation. For further information, please contact the World Bank (tel.: (212) 986-8306).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 31 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-5 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 2
5 p.m.*		Conference Room 2

* Ceremony of presentation of the 2001 United Nations Disarmament Fellowship certificates.

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 21st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	12th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	13th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships)

The open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), scheduled for Wednesday, 31 October 2001, have been postponed to Thursday, 1 November, and will be held from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Wednesday, 31 October, Thursday, 1 November, and Friday, 2 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations of draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Wednesday, 31 October 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Friday, 9 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Dharmansjah Djumala (Indonesia), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.5 entitled "Implementation of the first Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)), including the establishment of the World Solidarity Fund for poverty eradication", submitted under agenda item 103, will take place on Wednesday, 31 October, in the afternoon (conference room to be announced.).

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Challenges and Changes in Public Administration around the World", organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 1 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Francisco Seixas da Costa (Portugal), Chairman of the Second Committee. The moderator will be Mr. Guido Bertucci, Director of the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration. Introductory presentations will be made by Mr. Michael Duggett, Director-General of the International Institute of Administrative Sciences; and H.E. Mr. Ignacio Pichardo Pagaza, outgoing President of the Institute. Presentations will also be made by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marie Atangana Mebara, Minister of Higher Education, Cameroon; Professor Gérard Timsit, Director of the Centre of Studies and Research on Administration, University of Paris 1-Panthéon Sorbonne, France; Ms. Maria del Carmen Pardo, Researcher at the Colegio de México, Mexico; Professor Andrew Massey, Professor of Government, University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom; and Professor O.P. Dwivedi, Professor of Public and Environmental Administration, University of Guelph, Canada.

A detailed programme of the event can be found on the Internet (http:www.unpan.org/webcast2001_11.asp). Live coverage of the event will also be available at the same address.

Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on "Globalization and the State", organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Friday, 2 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Francisco Seixas da Costa (Portugal), Chairman of the Second Committee. Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will act as moderator. Presentations will be made by H.E. Professor Apolo R. Nsibambi, Prime Minister, Uganda; H.E. Don Jesús Posada Moreno, Minister of Public Administration, Spain; H.E. Mr. Carlos Genatios, Minister for Science and Technology, Venezuela; H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal, former Ambassador of Pakistan to the United Nations; and Professor Anthony Giddens, Director, London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom.

A detailed programme of the event can be found on the Internet (http:www.unpan.org/webcast2001_11.asp). Live coverage of the event will also be available at the same address.

Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The list of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee, Ms. Kate Starr Newell (tel.: (212) 963-4248; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: newellk@un.org).

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The 2001 organizational session of the Disarmament Commission will be held on Friday, 2 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. All Member States are invited to attend.

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The 2001 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Wednesday, 7 November 2001, at 10 a.m., and on Thursday, 8 November, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Monday, 29 October, until Tuesday, 6 November 2001.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Jalang'o (Kenya), on Thursday, 1 November 2001, at 10 a.m. (sharp) in Conference Room 9.

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive-Nuclear-Test Ban Treaty

The Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) has now been rescheduled to take place from 11 to 13 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters.

Delegations who have not yet inscribed in the list of speakers for the general exchange of views (item 10 of the draft provisional agenda of the Conference - document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/1/Rev.1) are kindly asked to communicate their request in writing to the Secretariat of the Conference (room S-3140). States will be enlisted on a first-come-first served basis, with the proviso that representatives at the highest level will be given priority.

Furthermore, in accordance with item 11 of the draft provisional agenda, States which have not signed the Treaty will be able to make statements at the Conference. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat of the Conference.

For enquiries regarding the provisional list of speakers, please contact Ms. Myrna Peña (tel.: (212) 963-4022, fax: (212) 963-8892).

As a general guidance, it is assumed that speakers, at the discretion of the President, will talk for up to five minutes each. The Secretariat also wishes to advise that it is the wish of the majority of the States which have ratified the CTBT that the Conference be attended at a high level.

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for representatives of ratifiers and the names of alternate representatives and advisers, in accordance with rule 3 of the draft rules of procedure (document CTBT-Art.XIV/2001/2). Credentials may be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

A list of participants will be prepared for the Conference on the basis of credentials and/or written lists of delegations that are provided to the Secretariat of the Conference. This information should be submitted to Ms. Mika Murakami, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3140D, tel.: (212) 963-9309, fax: (212) 963-8892), if possible, not later than 2 November 2001.

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Second Committee)* on Wednesday, 31 October 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on Beijing +5)* on Wednesday, 31 October 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be closed meetings of the Mason Group on Thursday, 1 November, and on Thursday, 8 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion to commemorate the first anniversary of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000), organized by the Inter-agency Task Force on Women, Peace and Security, on Wednesday, 31 October 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The panel will include Mr. Kieran Prendergast, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Political Affairs; Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Peacekeeping Operations; Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Disarmament Affairs; Mr. Kenzo Oshima, Under-Secretary-General, Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs; and Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello, Special Representative of the Secretary-General, UNTAET (East Timor). The moderator will be Ms. Angela E.V. King, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and Chair of the Task Force. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. Secretariat staff interested are asked to enter the Economic and Social Council Chamber from the entrance nearest to the Security Council Chamber (South end). Non-governmental organizations interested to attend should contact the NGO Working Group on Women and International Peace and Security (tel: (212) 551-2739).

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Lecture

The Coordination Office of the World Intellectual Property Organization will host a lecture on "Intellectual Property and Wealth Creation" on Friday, 2 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The lecture will be delivered by Mr. Roberto Castelo, Deputy Director-General of the World Intellectual Property Organization in charge of Cooperation for Development. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Monday, 5 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 6 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) (Columbia University) are jointly conducting a Columbia/UNITAR workshop on civil-military coordination in peace-building. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday and Friday, 8 and 9 November 2001 from 9.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 1 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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As from Monday, 1 October 2001, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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The Web site of the Irish presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/ireland.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 26 October 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

31st plenary meeting

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: documentation for the election of the members of the International Law Commission [8 and 16 (a)]

The General Assembly decided to request the Secretary-General to issue a consolidated list of candidates for the election of members of the International Law Commission incorporating new candidates and additional information received subsequent to the deadline for submission of nominations.

The representative of the Sudan made a statement.

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council: letter from Portugal (A/56/467) [15(b)]

(a) Election of one member

The President drew attention to a letter addressed to him by the Permanent Representative of Portugal, by which Portugal announced that it would relinquish its seat on the Economic and Social Council for the year 2002, in favour of Spain (A/56/467).

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Spain was elected as a member of the Economic and Social Council for the remaining one-year term of office beginning 1 January 2002.

(b) Election of eighteen members

On the first round balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Australia, Bhutan, Burundi, Chile, China, El Salvador, Finland, Ghana, Guatemala, Hungary, India, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Qatar, the Russian Federation, Sweden, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Zimbabwe were elected as members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2002.

Monday, 29 October 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4398th (closed) meeting

Briefing by Judge Gilbert Guillaume, President of the International Court of Justice

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4398th meeting, held in private on 29 October 2001, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'Briefing by Judge Gilbert Guillaume, President of the International Court of Justice.'

"In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, and in the absence of objection, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Judge Gilbert Guillaume, President of the International Court of Justice to brief the Council.

"The members of the Council heard an informative briefing by Judge Guillaume."

4399th meeting

The situation in Burundi

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/2001/1016).

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2001/1016) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1375 (2001).

Following the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the United Kingdom.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 16th meeting

Thematic discussion on items subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84

The Committee continued its second phase of work (thematic discussion on items subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64 to 84).

Statements were made by the representatives of Uruguay (on behalf of Mercosur), Gabon, Romania and Peru.

The representative of the Sudan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.29.

The representative of the Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.40.

The representative of Germany introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.42.

The representative of Haiti (on behalf of the Latin and Caribbean Group) introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.46.

The representative of Algeria introduced draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.37.

The Secretary of the First Committee informed delegations that the following Member States had become cosponsors of the following draft resolutions: A/C.1/56/L.7, Belarus, Bhutan, Sierra Leone and Togo; A/C.1/56/L.12, Sierra Leone; A/C.1/56/L.14, Togo; A.C.1/56/L.19, Burkina Faso; A/C.1/56/L.24, Togo; A/C.1/56/L.30, Luxembourg; A/C.1/56/L.34, Togo; A/C.1/56/L.39, Niger; A/C.1/56/L.40, Republic of Korea and Togo; A/C.1/56/L.42, Sierra Leone; A/C.1/56/L.43, Republic of Korea and Togo; A/C.1/56/L.45, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guinea and Nauru; A/C.1/56/L.47, Algeria, Congo, Iceland, Niger, Republic of Korea, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; A/C.1/56/L.50, Kyrgyzstan, Maldives, Republic of Korea and Tajikistan and A/C.1/56/L.51, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Colombia, Congo, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Madagascar, Mauritania, Netherlands, Niger, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Togo.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 13th meeting

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [87]

The Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) introduced his report (A/56/13 and Add.1).

The representative of Norway, in his capacity as Rapporteur of the Working Group on the Financing of UNRWA, introduced the report of the Working Group (A/56/430).

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the Jordan, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the associated countries, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), Egypt, Bangladesh, Lebanon, Indonesia, Malaysia and South Africa.

Statements were made by the observers of Palestine and the Holy See.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in its general debate at 6 p.m. the same day.

Organization of work

The Committee decided, on the proposal of the Chairman, to set Tuesday, 6 November, at 6 p.m. as the deadline for submission of draft proposals relating to agenda items 87 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) and 88 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories). The Committee also decided to take action on all these draft proposals on Friday, 9 November, after the conclusion of the general debate on agenda item 88. Delegations were also urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers on agenda item 88, as soon as possible.

SECOND COMMITTEE 17th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [98]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21.

The Committee began its consideration of the item, and heard introductory statements by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Director of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme.

Statements were heard by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithu-

ania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia - and the other associated countries (Cyprus and Malta) which aligned themselves with this statement), Indonesia, Pakistan, Romania, the Russian Federation, Egypt, Cuba, the United States, Japan, Morocco, Bangladesh, Norway, New Zealand and Nigeria

18th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-item 98 (a), and heard statements by the representatives of Tajikistan, South Africa, Belarus, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Ukraine, and Cambodia.

The observer for Switzerland made a statement.

The representative of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]

A statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, in which the representatives of Liechtenstein, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, India, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Syrian Arab Republic, the Sudan, Benin, Uganda and Israel, and the observer for Palestine, took part.

The Committee then continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Eritrea, India, Andorra, Slovakia, Bolivia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Liechtenstein, Myanmar and Jamaica.

The Under-Secretary-General, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund made concluding remarks.

24th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives Morocco and Cambodia.

The Director of the New York Office, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, made concluding remarks.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Iraq and Kuwait.

The Committee concluded its general discussion of the item.

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [116]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, responded to a question raised by the representative of Australia.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), New Zealand, China, Brazil and the Russian Federation.

The observer for Switzerland made a statement.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Labour Organization.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 19th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations [133]

The Committee began its consideration of the question of a comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects under these agenda items and had before it a statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23 (A/C.5/55/46 and Add.1) and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon (A/56/478).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/56/478).

The statement submitted by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23 was introduced by the Controller (A/C.5/55/46 and Add.1).

Statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of the Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey) and Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Following statements by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Canada, the Coordinator of the informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003), Mr. Eduardo Ramos (Portugal), provided clarification.

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 11th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session [162] *(A/56/10 and Corr.1)*

The Chairman of the International Law Commission, Mr. Peter C.R. Kabatsi (Uganda), introduced chapters I, II, III and IV of the Commission's report.

The Chairman of the Sixth Committee spoke.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Morocco, New Zealand, Belgium, China, France and Pakistan.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Seventy-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

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1976th and 1977th (closed) meetings

The Committee considered and adopted the concluding observations of the United Kingdom.

The Committee then began its consideration of the concluding observations of Switzerland.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be used for such Carriage (ATP). Geneva, 1 September 1970

Accession: Monaco (24 October 2001)*

TREATY EVENT - MULTILATERAL TREATIES ON TERRORISM
(UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS)
(10-16 November 2001)

Signature of, and deposit of instruments relating to multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General

The above event will take place from 10 November to 16 November 2001 at United Nations Headquarters. Appropriate facilities, including media coverage, will be made available for treaty actions to be undertaken in a solemn setting.

Delegations that have notified the Secretary-General, in response to his letter of 4 October 2001, and those still intending to do so, of their intention to sign or deposit instruments relating to multilateral treaties under his custody, in particular those concerning terrorism, are advised to contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs promptly to arrange appointments (room S-3200; tel.: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

Delegations are also requested to submit copies of instruments including, where appropriate, texts of declarations and reservations, and, as necessary, required full powers to the Treaty Section at the latest by 7 November 2001 for verification.

It is recalled that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign treaties must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of specified treaties by a named representative issued by one of these authorities. Advice on full powers may be obtained from the Treaty Section. Further information on the event will be provided closer to 10 November 2001.

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

The texts and status of multilateral treaties which address various aspects of terrorism, can be obtained at the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (http://untreaty.un.org.), including the following four Conventions deposited with the Secretary-General:

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973;

International Convention against the Taking of Hostages. New York, 17 December 1979;

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997; and

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999.

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